

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 23rd August 2015**

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## **IRTS Contests**

The 2 metres Counties Contest takes place on Sunday next, 30th August from 2pm to 4pm local time. There are separate sections in this contest for portable and fixed stations, low power and high power, as well as an FM Only section for single ops and an SWL section.

To ensure everyone gets a fair chance of calling CQ, there is a special 'QSY Rule' to the effect that after any QSO that is initiated by you making a CQ call, you must QSY to another channel (FM), or by at least 3 kHz (SSB), before calling "CQ" again, while the station answering the CQ call has the frequency for one more contact.

Over the weekend of 5th and 6th September, we have the SSB Field Day, which runs from 13:00 UTC Saturday to 13:00 UTC Sunday. This year, for the first time, we have a 6 hour section in this contest in addition to the 24 hour Open and Restricted sections. Note that pre-registration is required for the 24 hour sections, but not for the new 6 hour section.

See [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) for full details of these two contests.

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## **North Cork Radio Group**

The North Cork Radio Group are pleased to announce their annual Radio, Electronics & Hobby Rally will be held this year on Sunday 13th September 2015 at The Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork.

As per usual, doors will open at 11am and entry is €5 per person, children under 16 are free. Raffle tickets will be available at the door.

For anyone wishing to secure a table, or stall, please contact Lisa EI9GSB on 086 8427756 or ei9gsb /at/ me.com to ensure early confirmation. For anyone interested in taking the morse test, or to have QSLs checked, please advise us as soon as possible. Dave EI4BZ will be available on the day to conduct morse tests.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will, again this year, make the beautiful Garbally College Grounds Ballinasloe available and would like to invite Clubs and individuals to take part in the SSB Field day Contest 2015 on 5th & 6th Sept.

Clubs and or individuals who wish to attend and require further details are asked to contact the following, Pat EI9HX pat /at/ donros.ie 087-6767707, Anthony EI6GGB ei6ggb /at/ gmail.com 087-9274611, Brian EI8IU brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net 086-1057325.

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### **Cork Radio Club**

Cork Radio Club will hold their next general meeting on Wednesday next August 26th at the Community Centre in Carrigtwohill, starting at 8pm. All members are requested to attend and new members are very welcome.

The Club will be participating in the upcoming SSB Field Day from a site near Glounthaune. Details will be finalised at next Wednesday's meeting.

Further information from Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or email ei4bz /at/ eircom.net.

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### **ATV Repeaters**

The South Dublin ATV repeater is operational from 2 Rock in Dublin for 12 months now. 599 reports in the Dublin area. It can be received up to 50 miles from Dublin and is now orientated towards the north; Dundalk and GI. Reports are welcome to EI9ED via the Cavan North West Network on repeater EI1LLX on 145.7875Mhz PL tone of 88.5 or on 4 meters via EI2LLX 70.2125Mhz PL tone of 88.5. Keeper EI9ED Ronnie, Cavan. Email ei9ed /at/ iol.ie

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### **DX News**

Leo PP1CZ will operate again as PY0F/PP1CZ from Fernando de Noronha from 26th to 31st August. He will be QRV on 80m to 10m and possibly 6m. QSLs go to his home call.

The Bolivian Amazon Jungle is a rare location to hear on the air. Antonio EA5RM will be there from 29th August to 15th September. He is working on an NGO project installing solar powered HF radios for medical purposes in isolated small villages. During his spare time he will operate as CP1XRM. QSL to EA5RM.

IZ1FRM will be operating holiday style in Corsica using the callsign TK/IZ1FRM from 24th to 29th August. QSLs go via IW1RLS.

A Sicilian station, II9IARU, will be on the air from 1st September to 31st December to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The club enjoyed a great weekend at Hook Head Lighthouse over the weekend of 15th & 16th August. We had a large number of club members and their families in attendance and also had many visitors to the station including some EI's who happened to be visiting Hook Head on the day. The weather was excellent and many of the club members camped out for the weekend. A full report of the weekend can be found at [www.illw.net/index.php/feedback-from-entrants/reports-2015](http://www.illw.net/index.php/feedback-from-entrants/reports-2015)

On the 30th August, SEARG will be QRV from the Ardattin Village Fete & Family Fun Day (weather permitting) Ardattin is located just outside Tullow, Co. Carlow. This is our first time to attend the event and many thanks to Dale McWilliams for his kind invitation as he says "to put the fair on the air" We will have two stations in operation on the day, both HF and VHF. Also on that day many of our members will take part in the IRTS 2m Counties Contest and we look forward to working many of you from both events.

SEARG are pleased to announce that they are looking at the possibility of running a theory course for the 'HAREC' - Radio Theory Examination. Depending on numbers interested we would hope to start the course in September/October. For any individuals interested or should you know anyone interested in sitting the examination you are asked to contact Mark EI7IS or Seany EI2HZZ.

The August meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night 31st August at 8pm. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and our activities you can check our website [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio

news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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